

ABSTRACT

A method is provided for fixedly joining a cloth, a cloth-like fabric or a synthetic
5 mesh to a filter plate using a flanged cloth connector ring. The flanged cloth connector ring is
attached to the filter cloth around the feed port of the cloth and inserted into a receiving
channel in the filter plate. A locking ring or a distribution ring may be inserted into the
channel adjacent to the connector ring to retain the connector ring and attached filter cloth in
place. Filter cloths may be individually and independently attached to each side of a filter
10 plate using a cloth connector ring.